Lesbian/Gay Archives of San Diego

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Dear Larry,

It sure was great to get your nice card and note. I enjoyed the courtroom stories and comments. I'm so glad that you've found something that seems right for you. Few things are more important than enjoying your work. I think that that is why I've done so well over the last year and a half (relatively speaking). My work is now exclusively with projects that are dear to my heart—whether it be AIDS activism, the Walk for Life, the Archives, the Quilt, or the parade and festival.

As far as the Archives goes, things are moving along but never fast enough for me. The art auction in May raised $4700. I am working very hard now on a pledge drive, the goal of which is to bring in a minimum of $1000/mo. We are in pre-publicity stage, but already I have nearly $100 a month pledged. We have a rummage sale planned for some time in August and a Romanovsky and Phillips concert tentatively set for mid December. So you see, if it might make us a buck, we're interested, as we are determined to move the Archives out of the closet and into a public home before the end of the year. We have a search committee working with realators to find us an appropriate location somewhere in the queer part of town.

Healthwise, I am really quite challenged these days. Though my respiratory status is never good, it has been on a steady decline over the past 3 to 4 weeks. Multiple antibiotics taken sequentially or in unison seem to make little difference. I've had chronic bronchitis and sinusitis since January that only varies in intensity, but now the problem seems more deeply rooted in my chest. I have horrendous coughing spells that often progress to vomiting and leave me exhausted and breathless. I lost my voice about ten days ago. I now sound like Harvey Fierstein. I will probably have a bronchoscopy within the next couple of days to look for PCP if there is not dramatic improvement. Chest X-ray has been inconclusive.

I remain optimistic, though I have had a few days of depression lately. I've been through tougher times than this, so I guess I can tough this one out too. So please send some healing, loving energy my way. I need all the help I can get.

Miki and I have tickets to see Phantom of the Opera in L.A. on August 16th. I'm looking for ward to that. Wish I could see you and Blair.

The press has been very kind to me lately. Enclosed are couple items for your amusement. Please share them with Blair.

Love in the struggle,

Jess